

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room 209. Present for the meeting was Chairperson Michael Fratz, Commissioner David Moe, Attorney to the Board M. Elizabeth Georg and Administrator to the Board Deborah Owston.

Chairperson Fratz called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets.

The Board approved the October 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Moe made the motion. Chairperson Fratz made the motion unanimous.

There was general discussion before the scheduled hearings. The Board finalized the 2019 legislative list to be presented at the Garrett County Commissioners legislative meeting on December 3, 2018. Those requests include, repeal the business requirement and out of state Class A and Class D license restrictions. Amend the Draft Beer License to become a license option due to the new MUNIS software restrictions. Allow an administrative office hearing for Per Diem 2-day license applications based on attendance. Permit multi-event non-profit license holders to cater events on their licensed premise. The mandatory State Ethics Training requirements in accordance with House Bill 1469 were discussed. The Knights of Columbus had an administrative hearing on October 25, 2018 to approve a licensed event on November 3, 2018. Eastern Garrett VFD will hold a Gun and Cash Bash on November 17, 2018. A Class B BWL On-Sale 7-Day application for the Don Patron Grill is expected in December or January. The 2019 meeting dates were approved for the second Thursday of the month with the exception on the May meeting being held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Ms. Owston also mentioned that the Board might want to consider changing the dates for the October meeting and December. It was decided to address those meeting dates later.

A discussion session was held with Brenda Sisler and Sandy Miller from the Garrett County Health Department, Health Education & Outreach Office. Ms. Sisler had previously meet with the Board at the October meeting to present the "kNOwdrinking.net" campaign and non-profit vendor packet material along with facts about alcohol trends in Maryland and Garrett County. In today's meeting, Ms. Sisler and Ms. Miller focused on concession sales at non-profit licensed events as well as events conducted on licensed premises. The Board received a document on binge drinking statistics for Maryland and Garrett County. Ms. Sisler and Ms. Miller are concerned about having adequate trained event staff and volunteers at licensed events. As a result, grant funds were secured for an event and ID training. The training will be November 16, 2018. The first session "Large Alcohol Event Safety Management Training" will be offered to non-profits and businesses with concession type sales. The second session "Alcohol S.A.L.E.S. Safe & Legal Every Sale" will be offered to everyone. This session will focus on ID document examination, carding procedures, fake ID's and refusal skills. Ms. Sisler and Ms. Miller concluded their presentation by asking the Board to consider requiring more individuals be certified in an approved alcohol awareness program. It was suggested to use a comparison to the Maryland Crowd Manager requirements, resulting in the ratio of one person trained per 250 persons in attendance. In addition, Ms. Miller mentioned the upcoming Retail Vendor Education training opportunity.

The grant funded training was created to allow the Maryland State Police and community members to educate alcohol retailers about the laws regarding selling alcohol to minors, checking ID's, being conscious if someone may be purchasing alcohol for minors, selling to intoxicated persons, etc. The training will also educate the retail establishments on compliance checks. Ms. Owston noted that this year the LCB Office would fund compliance checks since the Health Department did not secure funds for such.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Fratz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Michael J. Fratz
Chairperson

December 3, 2018
Date